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**EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF NON-ENGLISH INFORMATION
CITED THEREIN UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97, the Applicant hereby submits the references indicated on the attached list. As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the following information may be material to the examination of the referenced application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), this Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made. Additionally, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). A copy of each Foreign Reference or "Other" reference is enclosed.

This submission includes as follows a concise explanation of the relevance of non-English Information as cited in the Information Disclosure Citation enclosed herewith, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) and MPEP §609 A(3).

NL 920175, Visser's-Gravendeel Holding B.V., 05-02-1994, which was cited in the Search Report for PCT/US04/09308, also cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and a copy included herein, may include disclosure relative to an automatic planting machine for horticultural nursery that positions plants in blocks of growing medium using robot arms and a vacuum pump.

DE 19642823, Burg, 1997-04-24, which was cited in the Search Report for PCT/US04/09308, also cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and a copy included herein may include disclosure relative to an automatic planting machine for horticultural nursery that positions plants in blocks of growing medium using robot arms and a vacuum pump. DE 19642823 appears to be of the same family as NL 920175.

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Respectfully submitted,

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